

Tompkins County Youth Services Board

May 24, 2021 Minutes

Meeting via ZOOM.

Present: Patty Van de Bogart, Khaki Wunderlich, Ronny Hardaway, Ian Schachner, Lisa Monroe, Lisa Campbell, Magdalena Smith, Jennifer Foote-Dean, Tamer Elshourbagy, Pat Buechel

Excused: Marnie Kirchgessner, Glenn Morey, Sara Watrous

Staff: Kate Shanks-Booth, Meghan Lyons

Guest: N/A

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

N/A

Approval of April Minutes

N/A (No quorum)

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Funding & Village at Ithaca Application

- Meeting with Village at Ithaca, The Learning Web, and Tompkins Community Action regarding RHY funding and community needs. The agencies presented the urgency of the issue of housing/placement of 12-17 years youth that have don't have a safe place to stay/respice.
- Conversation led to TCYSD should do something about this immediately. Ronny suggested using a check-list to assist with this complex conversation. Making licensing needs aware for conversation was also suggested to help guide the conversation.
- TCYSD will host a virtual community discussion (Think Tank) on the following items:
 - What are the current community needs?
 - Does the current program model match with the current needs?
 - How can we serve youth now?
 - What is the long-term plan?
- Kate asked the Board if they could please email her (or Patty, Ian, Khaki) any potential names/agencies to add to this conversation by Thursday, May 27th.
- Liddy Bargar (Coordinator of Housing Initiatives/HMIS Lead) has agreed to lead conversation on 6/8 from 10am-Noon, pending her schedule.
- Suggested agencies:
 - Learning Web
 - Family & Children's Services
 - Village at Ithaca
 - Tompkins Community Action
 - Counselors/Social workers from high schools
 - Community Foundation
 - Mental Health
 - Racker
 - BOCES (Lighthouse Program)
 - Suicide Prevention Taskforce
 - Crisis Center (Alternatives, OAR, Second Wind)
- Potential HUD Grant could assist with future planning and implementation of new programs (ie youth shelter)
- Data: Community Foundations said they would fund data sourcing. Ronny suggested Kate connect with Tompkins County Council of Governments to get data needed on rural demographics.

- American Recovery Act money could be used if this is COVID related.
- Kate will talk with Kit at DSS on purchased building

Director's Report

Kate provided updates on behalf of the Department and will send out document

- Update on Summer Camps 2021 –NYS Health Department has released its 2021 Summer Camp Guidance
- Lisa Holmes, Deputy County Administrator has been named Interim to replace Jason Molino as County Administrator until the Legislature can conduct a nationwide search and fill the position by fall of 2021.
- County is discussing reopening procedures.
- Working with partners for the RHY and YDP portions of the Tompkins County Plan. Due at the end of May
- RHY Rural Youth Conference/ YHDP HUD Grant upcoming release
- Launch of the 2022 Budget search begin with a meeting on 5/21.
- Dept. Budget conversation set to happen on 7/15.
- Rec. Partnership will meet in June to set 2022 budget guidance for Liz at the IYB.
- Renewal Applications due
- Update: Big Brother Big Sister will join us for our June 2021 Meeting (less data due to COVID)
- TCYSD continues to meet with Athena and Shelley weekly
- Danby is losing their RYS Manager. OTR for 40 hour position and change position to tier II.
- Goal tracking for municipalities is going well.

New/Old Business

- Retreat to happen in Fall 2021

Meeting adjourned: 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Meghan Lyons